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Languages: Greek (native), English (fluent), Swedish (A2), Colombian Spanish (working knowledge)

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Qualifications

*May 2011 – Oct 2017: **Doctor of Philosophy***, College of Social Science, University of Leicester.
Thesis title: “Researching Experience in Global Higher Education: A study of international business studies students in the UK” **Supervisors:** Professor Dimitris Papadopoulos and Professor Joanna Brewis (Maternity leave: January 2014 to December 2014)

*Sept 2009 – Sept 2010: **MA in Migration and Transnationalism (Grade Merit)***. University of Nottingham, UK, School of Sociology and Social Policy

*2004-2008: **BA in Sociology***. Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences Greece, Department of Sociology (Grade 7.7/10)

Work Experience

Oct 2020 – current: Postdoctoral Researcher at Department of Thematic Studies, Tema Genus, Linköping University.

(Maternity leave: May, 2018 - August 2019)

*Sept 2017 - April 2018: **Research Assistant*** of the project *The long-term impact of the Fulbright Programme on participants’ leadership capacity*. Funded by Reading University.

*April 2017 - June 2017: **Research Assistant*** of the project *Giving Human Resources Management (HRM) students the opportunity to “be the change: An ongoing project to embedded sustainability practices into HRM education*. Funded by Anglia Ruskin University.

*Sept 2011 – December 2013: **Teaching Assistant***, University of Leicester.

*Sept 2007 – May 2007: **Internship***: training under the supervision of Anthozoi Haidou, Professor of criminology, in a prevention and dealing with drug addiction centre. Simultaneously with the successful completion of my training I presented my thesis: “War on drugs, taking into account race and class” Case study: USA (Grade 10/10).

Research

My main research interest looks at the role of everyday experience in socio-political change. This approach connects with a variety of academic fields, and even more importantly, it forces them to intersect in a creative and productive ways. The academic disciplines that my doctoral thesis

engaged with include critical migration studies, post-structural philosophy, political economy of higher education, critical social psychology and the feminist methodological approach called collective memory-work. My reflexive stance towards academic practice is that politics, research methodologies and theoretical influences should strive to be consistent with each other. This interest has led me to experiment with and explore different methodological approaches including, ethnography and interviews. In depth I have worked with collective memory work, organizing workshops, participating in conferences and co-creating a Nordic network of collective memory-work scholars.

Panel convenor

“Collective Memory-Work and questions of time” (with Christina Hee Pedersen from Roskilde University, Ulla Forseth from The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and Jeff Hearn from Örebro universitet). Maynooth University, Ireland. 26-28/08/2020.

Workshop organizer

“The Adaptations of Collective Memory-Work in Nordic countries” (with Robert Hamm from Maynooth University, Ireland). We brought together academics working extensively with Collective Memory-Work for research, teaching and activist purposes. The participants were based at academic institutions in Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark and came from different backgrounds including political science, gender studies, sociology, psychology, art, organization studies, media studies among others. Stockholm University, October 12, 2019.

Publications

Peer reviewed articles

Vlachou, M. (2020) “Engaging with the everyday politics of the internationalisation of higher education: contrasts between interviews and Collective Memory-Work” in *Other Education*, Volume 9(1), pp. 31-52.

Papers in preparation

“From Virginia Woolf to Collective Memory-Work to Haraway: the I, the She and the We” in *Feminism and Psychology*, SAGE.

“The micro-histories of the Chinese Middle Class: Lessons from Chinese International Students in the UK” in *Critical Asian Studies (CAS)*.

“The embeddedness of the UK Higher Education in Migration Politics of Control” in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

“Did you always want to study Business? Embodiment, Memory and Discourse in UK higher education institutions”, for the special issue *“The senses in management research and education” Management and Learning*. Deadline: December 1, 2020.

Book reviews

Vlachou, M. (2018) "Gender, Migration, and the Work of Care A Multi-Scalar Approach to the Pacific Rim" in *Gender, Work & Organization*.

Vlachou, M. (2013) "Does it ever stop kicking off everywhere"? In *Ephemera: theory and politics in organisation* 13(4), 875-883.

Peer-reviewed conference Papers

"*Plea for Slow Science*". Collective Memory-Work Symposium, Maynooth University, Ireland. August 26-28/2020.

"*Experimenting with researching experience in its multiplicity: Lessons from researching international business students' experiences in the contemporary university*". After method in organization studies III' conference. Vasteras, Sweden. September 27-29, 2017.

"*Doing memory work with international students: embracing the contradictions of the international student experience*". What's so critical about your critical management studies PhD? Leicester, UK. September 16, 2014.

Guest seminar presentations

"*The Politics of Migration Experience: A Memory-Work Study with International Students*". REMESO, Linköping, Sweden. February 27, 2019.

Discussant in conferences

"*Infrastructuring Migration: contributions and challenges for the study of technology and mobility*". TEMA T, Linköping University, Sweden. May 7-8, 2019.

"*International Symposium on Commons and Social Movements*", Leicester University, UK. October, 5-8, 2012.

Distinctions

2017: PhD awarded without corrections

May 2011 to 2015: PhD studentship awarded by the School of Management at the University of Leicester, Funding for doctoral projects. (Maternity leave Jan 2014 to Oct 2014)

2010: Prize awarded in recognition of her achievement of the highest mark of merit, in the graduating class of 2010, for the Master of Migration and Transnationalism. University of Nottingham.